

But your petitioner in justice to his kind and affectionate wife (Elizabeth) would further state, that she is not disposed at all to abridge in the least degree the liberty or happiness of your petitioner but wishes and desires (if consistent with the rule of the Honorable Genl Assembly ~~as far as~~) that the same may be enlarged & increased - that she is therefore perfectly willing and exceedingly desirous to give up her said title to your petitioner to the Honorable Genl Assembly ~~as far as~~ that they may confer the same (by an act of manumission) to gother with such other liberties privileges & immunitiess as other free persons of colour now by law enjoy, upon your petitioner that to this end & for this purpose the said Elizabeth the wife of your petitioner will unite with your petitioner in praying the Honorable Genl Assembly ~~as far as~~ that they would take his case into consideration and to pass such an act in favor of your petitioners manumission as they in their wisdom may determine and proper - that in confirmation of the said Elizabeths sincerity in this prayer and request she will most willingly sign this petition with your petitioner - Your petitioner considers that further enlarging might be trifling too much upon the time of The Honorable Genl Assembly ~~as far as~~ But in conclusion however your petitioner would further state that from the facts already stated it must be apparent in what an emphatic and grievous situation your petitioner is placed - He has by laboring of nights and such other spare times as his Master would give him and by his industry and frugality acquired an estate which (say nothing of the uncertainties of life) he has not the appearance of enjoying even for a day - that he in a single hour might be placed in a worse condition than the day he began this life - that your petitioner has by his faithfulness and extraordinary attention to his Master, business and interest secured his esteem and favor and obtained his several wishes that your petitioner should be freed - The nearest your petitioner has been able to approach an end so desirable to his dear Master is, to have had